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GRANDVIEW WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Valerie A. Hill, 24, of Grandview, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to the charge contained in a Dec. 6, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty today, **Hill** admitted that she was in possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Nov. 26, 2005.

Under federal statutes, **Hill** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html